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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with Japan on the scheme for providing special attention to villages under special economic agreements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme has been framed by Japan to improve the condition of villages in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of rural areas in which rural development programmes have been started under the foreign schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b) As per the information provided by Department of Economic Affairs, the following project is under implementation with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), loan assistance in rural development sector:

Name of the Project	Loan Amount (million yen)	Objective
Attapady Wasteland Comprehensive Environmental Conservation Project in the State of Kerala implemented by Attapady Hill Development Society, Government of Kerala. Date of signing / closing: 25.1.1996/ 26.3.2008	5112	Ecological restoration of degraded wasteland in Attapady and development of replicable models of participative eco-restoration, so as to prevent further degradation and promote sustainable method of livelihood for the local people (with special emphasis on tribal population) and in harmony with the resource base.

(c) & (d) This Ministry is not aware of any scheme framed by Japan to improve the condition of villages in India.

(e) World Bank and Asian Development Bank assisted rural roads projects are implemented in Assam, Chhatisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

UNDP assisted project titled `Social Mobilisation around Natural Resources Management for Poverty Alleviation` is being implemented in Rajasthan (Ajmer, Udaipur, Baran), Orissa (Balangir, Koraput, Nuapada) and Jharkhand (Godda, Gumla, Lohardaga, Ranchi, Dumka).